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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Weather played an important roll in livestock marketings and price trends in the midwest. Snow and cold curtailed receipts, particularly on Monday when prices advanced on most livestock. However, later in the period cattle marketings were liberal and prices declined. Good to Prime slaughter steers under 1150# sold steady to 50¢ higher for the week at most centers while other weights and grades sold steady to $1.00 lower. Barrows and gilts found good demand and sold strong to 75¢ higher. Prices on slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher over most of the area.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Weather and road conditions upset normal marketing patterns, a development which was reflected in abnormal distribution of receipts and uneven price trends. Early week storms sharply curtailed receipts at Western Corn Belt markets, but with improved road conditions, Wednesday's run was the largest midweek supply in 3 years. This coupled with less urgent demand for beef saw opening price upturns on most cattle shaded or turned into declines. Good to Prime steers under 1150# best resisted late downward price pressure, and such cattle sold mainly steady to 50¢ higher for the week. Most other weights and grades of steers closed steady to $1.00 lower, the principal exception at St. Louis National Stock Yards where all slaughter cattle sold 50¢ higher. Continuing good demand for cattle that would produce a carcass of beef weighing 700# down resulted in steady to 50¢ higher prices for most heifers, and was also a factor in the two-way trend in the steer trade. At all markets weight continued more of a price determining factor than usual, this being clearly evident in Chicago where steers 1350# up closed mostly $1.00 lower. The percentage of slaughter steers increased, with the number of beef steers at the 7 markets reaching 98,971, the largest for any week of record since these data were first compiled in January 1955. This total was about 10,000 above the previous week and 17,000 above a year earlier. The reduced supply of slaughter cows sold steady to 50¢ higher except steady to 50¢ lower at St. Joseph and Oklahoma City. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ higher; vealers steady to $1.00 higher.

Numerous loads Prime 1115-1465# steers $28.50-29.00 in Chicago early with load 1328# $29.25. Late bulk such cattle $28.00-28.50, Choice bulking at $25.00-27.50 with under 1100# up to $28.00 and over 1400# down to $24.50. Elsewhere high-Choice and Prime steers realized $27.25-28.25, 2 loads 967# mixed steer and heifer yearlings $29.50 at St. Joseph. Choice steers closed from $24.50-27.00 with weights under 1150# mainly $25.50-27.00, instances $27.50; Good and low-Choice $22.50-25.50. Good and low-Choice fed heifers sold from $22.50-25.50, or about the same as comparable grade steers. The relatively high level of heifer prices compared to steer sales was illustrated at Omaha where all grades of heifers averaged $24.96 the first 3 days of the week compared to $24.72 for steers. This is due mainly to the average weight of heifers being considerably below that of steers. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime heifers realized $25.50-27.75 during the week.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Weather played an important role in the market as storms and bad road conditions over much of the midwest and western area not only tended to further curtail marketings but also curtailed early week demand. However, outlet generally proved fully adequate to absorb supplies at midwest as well as southwest terminals. The temporarily curtailed outlet in a few instances influenced moderate weakness but for the most part prices were steady to strong. At Kansas City and So. St. Paul a steady to 50¢ higher trend prevailed. At Denver, where the annual stock show attracted over 14,000 head for a commercial feeder auction, prices usually were maintained on a steady basis. Slaughter cattle prices toward midweek showed a lower trend and this, along with the severe weather conditions and the recent USDA estimate of a 9 percent increase in the number of cattle and calves on feed might well have been expected to curtail outlet for stockers and feeders. However, on the other side of the ledger are factors contributing to a fairly widespread demand. For example, the composite average price of all slaughter steers at the 7 markets was $25.32 or only $1.57 lower than a year ago whereas the average price of stocker and feeder steers at 10 markets for the week at $24.12 was $3.63 lower than a year ago. Apparently to many this represented a fairly attractive feeding margin, particularly since very abundant supplies of feeds are stockpiled throughout the midwest.

Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from $24.00-27.50, Choice 562# short yearlings $30.00; Medium and low-Good stockers $19.50-23.50. Few Choice 750-800# feeder steers brought $26.00, majority Good and Choice 800# up $22.00-25.00. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from $21.00-24.00, Choice 504# $27.00. Good and Choice steer calves ranged $25.00-32.00, majority $26.00-30.00; same grades heifer calves $23.00-28.00. Medium and Good stock cows brought $14.00-18.00,

few young cows to $20.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts at the 12 markets decreased 11 percent from the previous week but were 3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago. Cold weather along with snow-blocked roads in some sections early in the week were factors contributing to the reduced supply. Mixed U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 200-250# barrows and gilts comprised the bulk of the receipts although at many of the western Corn Belt centers there was a substantial volume weighing over 250#. Supplies of sows continued seasonally small making up 5-10 percent of the receipts. Prices advanced for the third consecutive week as smaller receipts combined with broad demand occasioned by the need for many packers to obtain supplies to keep killing gangs in full operation mainly accounted for the upturn. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts sold steady to 75¢ higher, largely 25-50¢ higher; sows 25-50¢ higher over most of the area.

Mixed No. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts closed at $12.75-13.75, that price range at some points including weights up to 260#. Selected lots of No. 1, and No. 1 and 2, usually averaging 190-230# and largely sorted for weight and grade uniformity brought $13.50-14.25. Mixed No. 1-3, 270-550# sows bulked at $10.25-11.75. Feeder pigs sold 50¢ higher at Sioux City and So. St. Paul. Good and Choice 100-160# lots sold at South St. Paul late at $11.00-11.50, Medium and Good 130-160# at Sioux City mostly $10.50-11.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3, live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 87¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago January 14 to January 20, 1960 inclusive.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts in the Interior were 8 percent less than the preceding week but were little changed from corresponding week last year. Approximately 70 percent of the barrows and gilts were mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200-240# weights with No. 2-3 butchers above 240# accounting for fully 25 percent of the run. Closing prices compared with Friday the previous week were 50-75¢ higher on both butchers and sows. U. S. No. 1-3 190-240# butchers, sold late from $12.60-13.50 and a limited volume mostly No. 1 cashed at $13.50-13.75. Mixed No. 1-3 270-400# sows bulked at $10.25-11.75; 400-550# $8.50-10.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets were about the same as in the previous week but about 6 percent above a year ago. Trading for slaughter lambs was fairly active at higher prices on early sessions but part of the advance was erased on late rounds to leave sales steady to 50¢ higher for the week over most of the midwest. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher with feeder lambs steady to strong, instances 50¢ up at Ft. Worth. Late in the week, most Good and Choice 85-115# wooled slaughter lambs sold from $18.50-20.00, a large share $19.00 up. Lots mostly Choice cashed from $19.75-20.50, instances $21.00. Good and Choice 80-110# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and Fall shorn pelts sold from $18.00-19.00. Choice shorn lambs 80-105# cashed from $19.00-19.50, few $20.00. Cull to Choice wooled slaughter ewes bulked from $3.00-6.00 with some sales $6.50-8.00. Most Good and Choice 64-83# feeder lambs sold from $18.00-19.50.

Firm prices prevailed for slaughter lambs in the Interior area early in the week despite fairly large marketings, however, demand narrowed towards the close and late sales were mostly steady on all classes. Mixed Good and Choice 90-110# wooled slaughter lambs closed at $18.00-19.00 delivered to packing plants with most lambs under 105# $18.50-19.00. Choice wooled lambs cashed from $19.00-19.50. Good and Choice 85-105# No. 1 and Fall shorn slaughter lambs sold from $17.00-18.00 with Choice mainly $18.00-18.25. Cull to Choice wooled slaughter ewes sold from $2.00-5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trading on slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, about steady with delivery varying from immediate to March 15; stocker and feeder cattle and calves moderately active, steady to strong; slaughter lambs firm. Slaughter steers: In Arizona, 3 loads low to average-Choice 960# $27.50 delivered Los Angeles; 31 loads Choice 850-1120# in California $27.00 FOB; high-Good and Choice 850-1250# in both states $25.00-26.75; 14 loads Choice 1250-1300# $25.25-25.50, 4 loads Good to mostly Choice 1380-1385# $24.00; most Good 1200# down $24.00-25.00; 4 loads Standard and Good 750-950# $20.00-23.00. Slaughter heifers: In California and Arizona, 20 loads mostly Choice 700-900# $25.40-26.00; Good and Choice 750-1050# $24.25-25.00.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 600-700# steers $23.25-26.25; 680 Good and Choice 525-650# heifers $24.00-25.50; Good and Choice stock calves, 420-525# steers $27.00-30.00, heifers $26.00-27.00.

In California, Good and Choice 85-110# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1, 2 and Fall shorn pelts $18.00-19.50. In Utah, 2,000 mostly Choice 107-109# wooled lambs $19.25-19.50, FOB.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle active, fed steers strong to $1.00 higher, heifers 25-50¢ higher. In Northern Colorado 9 loads average-Choice 1050-1100# fed steers $26.75-27.00; 44 loads low to average-Choice 975-1200# $25.75-26.00; 17 loads high-Good and Choice 1025-1250# $25.00-25.50. Fifty-six loads mostly average-Choice 900-975# fed heifers $26.25-26.50, 2 loads 825-850# $26.65; 63 loads mostly Choice 900-1050# $25.75-26.25; 23 loads high-Good and Choice 925-1035# $24.50-25.50. In the Scottsbluff, Nebraska area, 6 loads high-Good to low-Choice 1150# fed steers $25.00.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves good, confirmed sales strong to 50¢ higher. Western Kansas: 1,634 feeder steers sold with Good and Choice 800-1025# $23.25-24.50, Good 820-1025# $22.00-23.00; 280 mostly Good 700-750# feeder heifers $21.00-22.00. Over 1,200 calves mostly Good, 420-450# heifers $24.50-25.50, 445-475# steers $26.50-27.50. Colorado: 6 loads Good and Choice 780# feeder steers $25.00; 11 loads mostly Good 758-780# $22.35-23.50; 900 Good and Choice 675-706# feeder heifers $23.00-23.75; 531 Good and Choice 431-475# steer calves $27.00-28.15; 356 Good and Choice 398-408# heifer calves $26.50.

Fed lambs sold fully steady. In Northern Colorado 32 loads mostly Choice 102-113# wooled slaughter lambs $19.50-20.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trade very slow, prices fully steady. Three loads high-Good and low-Choice 875-900# slaughter steers $25.00; 17 loads mostly Good 900-1050# $23.50-24.00; 8 loads Standard and low-Good 800-1000# $22.50-23.00. Two loads high-Good and low-Choice 866-880# fed heifers $23.75; 10 loads Standard and Good 700-840# $22.50-23.00. About 2,600 Good and Choice 550-700# stocker steers $23.00-26.50; 800 Good and Choice 400-475# stock steer calves $25.00-29.00.

Amarillo Area - Direct trade slow, fully steady. Twenty-one loads Good and low-Choice 1050-1250# fed steers $23.75-24.50; 26 loads high-Good and low-Choice 850-1065# fed heifers $23.75-24.00. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers $22.00-25.00; 1,500 Choice 308-377# stock steer calves $30.00-33.00, 400 Good and Choice 488# $28.50.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Trading fairly active, all classes fully steady with some slaughter steers 50¢ higher and some slaughter lambs 25¢ up. Choice 1050-1200# fed steers in the 3 states $25.00-26.50 for immediate to February 15 delivery; Good and Choice 875-1000# fed heifers $23.00-24.50 over the area. Good and Choice 750-850# feeder steers $23.00-24.00; same grades of stock calves, steers $26.00-27.00, heifers $23.00-24.00. Washington - Choice 90-115# wooled and No. 1 pelt slaughter lambs $18.00-18.75; 2,585 104-106# No. 1 and 2 pelt lambs $19.75-20.00, delivered California. Idaho - 4,400 Choice 103-115# wooled lambs $19.50-20.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Few confirmed sales steady. About 850 Good and Choice 740# feeder steers $24.10; 170 head Good 950# $22.75; near 600 Good and Choice stock calves, 450-500# steers $27.00-29.25, 430-450# heifers $24.00-25.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959
Chicago	48,232	40,517	323	290	49,798	46,220	14,963	12,834
Cincinnati	2,915	1,200	478	306	13,342	11,626	671	401
Denver	17,184	20,832	8,700	7,752	4,511	3,218	16,753	19,483
Fort Worth	5,149	5,113	1,947	1,150	2,679	2,703	8,175	11,173
Indianapolis ...	8,076	6,945	468	391	41,763	38,366	2,805	1,611
Kansas City	20,511	16,664	626	626	17,990	13,069	4,556	6,725
Oklahoma City ..	7,057	8,830	427	521	2,997	2,344	2,036	930
Omaha	38,690	39,777	119	1,929	51,531	66,006	12,805	16,847
St. Joseph	18,235	12,771	394	492	34,393	25,917	9,950	6,538
St. Louis NSY ..	15,927	11,638	1,621	1,379	74,641	54,198	6,982	4,922
Sioux City	33,986	32,599	1,697	3,396	47,475	60,976	11,714	11,207
S. St. Paul	22,926	18,458	8,275	7,696	58,416	65,081	17,881	10,430
Total	238,888	215,344	25,075	25,928	399,536	389,724	109,291	103,101
Jan. 16, 1960 ..	253,768		25,739		447,832		110,396	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Jan. 23, 1960	Jan. 16, 1960	Jan. 24, 1959
Hogs	415,000	453,000	413,000
Sheep ...	32,800	26,500	30,600

RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
CALENDAR YEAR

Market	Cattle				Calves			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Chicago.....	2,209,365	2,287,445	2,334,457	2,426,630	30,128	41,773	30,150	42,232
Cincinnati.....	168,154	202,696	212,603	242,152	35,568	41,506	36,532	45,589
Denver.....	608,991	612,314	835,626	862,360	50,912	40,495	83,541	78,567
Fort Worth.....	348,670	343,869	458,963	424,873	107,806	110,496	160,711	166,529
Indianapolis....	354,485	399,694	359,634	403,569	32,468	37,186	32,851	37,360
Kansas City.....	1,000,471	911,776	1,549,533	1,389,139	69,629	67,310	180,698	209,632
Oklahoma City...	533,270	468,002	575,734	514,192	60,896	52,282	61,891	55,810
Omaha.....	2,025,315	1,960,933	2,130,282	2,057,284	78,698	68,368	91,315	87,155
St. Joseph.....	781,821	722,238	814,446	747,290	37,395	37,207	38,864	38,958
St. Louis NSY...	740,402	779,285	794,989	837,994	118,425	131,639	133,302	148,985
Sioux City.....	1,584,521	1,499,898	1,667,034	1,600,790	140,852	124,826	153,616	152,950
S. St. Paul.....	1,075,894	1,074,374	1,152,662	1,123,324	345,275	372,521	367,750	402,268
Total.....	11,431,359	11,262,524	12,885,963	12,629,597	1,108,052	1,125,609	1,371,221	1,466,035
	Hogs				Sheep and Lambs			
Chicago.....	2,234,920	2,073,594	2,507,900	2,578,352	410,317	397,723	500,530	436,216
Cincinnati.....	621,363	585,009	749,443	632,981	64,823	64,836	72,188	76,052
Denver.....	200,439	118,464	520,395	493,435	1,102,101	841,014	1,765,990	1,453,401
Fort Worth.....	140,842	100,340	430,552	225,633	650,964	636,506	1,074,897	943,006
Indianapolis....	1,952,729	1,909,014	1,957,548	1,918,637	157,551	166,612	164,903	172,956
Kansas City.....	837,874	695,735	906,451	741,330	350,299	369,271	741,813	717,349
Oklahoma City...	183,671	138,066	492,658	464,683	108,087	102,035	108,087	139,111
Omaha.....	2,422,118	1,865,598	3,617,855	2,931,081	707,743	636,827	929,952	793,807
St. Joseph.....	1,459,127	1,285,231	1,915,197	1,500,161	318,866	271,822	632,860	448,690
St. Louis NSY...	3,238,108	2,726,957	3,404,095	2,978,929	253,293	241,084	353,669	336,153
Sioux City.....	2,188,232	1,663,776	2,569,602	2,096,889	472,876	343,672	606,388	441,765
S. St. Paul.....	2,969,482	2,489,833	3,401,405	2,801,715	581,775	486,946	809,173	676,315
Total.....	18,448,905	15,651,617	22,473,101	19,363,826	5,178,695	4,558,348	7,760,450	6,634,821

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Hogs	Sheep
Year 1959....	19,053,500	1,294,500
Year 1958....	16,291,700	1,261,800

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for Entry into the United States
December 1959, with comparisons
(USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.)

Month and period	Canada		Mexico	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	Head	Head	Head	Head
December....	23,189	32,920	32,345	69,871
Jan.-Dec....	342,910	662,978	352,571	478,347

Note: During the twelve months this year 28,684 sheep and 9,712 hogs were received from Canada compared with 41,400 sheep and 7,805 hogs a year ago.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Jan. 21 1960	Jan. 22 1959	Jan. 21 1960	Jan. 22 1959	Jan. 21 1960	Jan. 22 1959	Jan. 21 1960	Jan. 22 1959
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	3,753	2,981	10.9	10.9	1,252	1,265	28.22	30.13
Choice.....	23,096	16,187	67.4	59.0	1,187	1,216	26.56	28.40
Good.....	6,310	6,772	18.4	24.7	1,118	1,144	24.91	26.88
Standard.....	856	1,358	2.5	5.0	1,044	1,117	22.55	25.99
Commercial.....	52	41	.2	.1	1,616	1,327	21.75	24.38
Utility.....	200	89	.6	.3	1,062	976	19.53	23.37
All grades.....	34,267	27,428			1,178	1,198	26.33	28.11
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	207	287	.9	1.3	1,134	1,157	27.57	29.52
Choice.....	9,696	9,863	43.9	45.9	1,178	1,221	25.95	27.15
Good.....	10,885	9,839	49.2	45.8	1,168	1,190	23.98	25.77
Standard.....	1,106	1,132	5.0	5.3	1,064	1,154	20.40	24.15
Utility.....	223	364	1.0	1.7	1,042	1,092	18.08	22.61
All grades.....	22,117	21,485			1,166	1,200	24.67	26.33
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	322	384	2.3	3.2	1,202	1,182	27.69	29.42
Choice.....	9,151	6,021	65.4	49.5	1,165	1,172	26.25	27.82
Good.....	4,092	4,987	29.3	41.0	1,138	1,192	24.28	25.87
Standard.....	373	699	2.7	5.8	1,102	1,136	21.26	23.96
Utility.....	45	61	.3	.5	1,081	1,064	18.63	22.58
All grades.....	13,983	12,152			1,156	1,178	25.57	26.82
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	8	--	--	--	982	--	28.00	--
Choice.....	4,284	1,110	45.1	16.6	1,180	1,210	25.29	26.97
Good.....	4,690	4,820	48.3	72.0	1,145	1,131	23.81	25.45
Standard.....	631	637	6.5	9.5	1,091	1,085	21.37	24.01
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	100	126	.1	1.9	1,051	1,076	18.33	22.06
All grades.....	9,713	6,693			1,156	1,138	24.28	25.53
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	5	--	.1	--	932	--	30.00
Choice.....	653	413	9.9	8.7	1,078	1,113	26.54	27.56
Good.....	4,790	3,284	72.7	69.0	1,057	1,107	24.79	26.35
Standard.....	1,028	1,002	15.6	21.1	1,044	1,028	21.85	24.62
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	119	51	1.8	1.1	862	882	18.86	22.32
All grades.....	6,590	4,755			1,054	1,088	24.42	26.08
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,341	1,633	33.4	22.9	1,150	1,131	26.07	27.16
Good.....	5,125	4,909	51.1	68.8	1,118	1,136	24.17	25.53
Standard.....	1,496	574	14.9	8.1	1,064	1,063	21.48	23.86
Utility.....	62	14	.6	.2	1,018	991	18.02	21.69
All grades.....	10,024	7,130			1,120	1,129	24.40	25.77
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,408	773	61.8	35.9	1,249	1,268	25.68	26.56
Good.....	857	1,372	37.7	63.8	1,181	1,153	24.64	26.15
Standard.....	12	6	.5	.3	1,218	1,073	19.00	23.00
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	2,277	2,151			1,223	1,194	25.27	26.30

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Twelve months	
	Jan. 21 1960	Jan. 14 1960	Jan. 22 1959	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1958	Jan. - Dec. 1959	Jan. - Dec. 1958
Steers - 1001# up	314	631	1,052	3,311	5,891	48,826	47,052
901-1000	1,705	2,324	2,578	7,588	10,326	121,422	124,645
801-900	3,507	4,381	4,214	16,177	13,529	206,073	197,006
701-800	5,314	4,929	4,888	20,775	14,613	293,223	245,805
501-700	9,246	10,812	9,635	38,685	27,365	620,691	507,259
Total steers 10 mkts.	20,086	23,077	22,367	86,536	71,724	1290,235	1121,767
Av. wts. " " "	723#	718#	733#	732#	765#	724#	735#
Av. cost* " " "	$24.12	$23.67	$27.75	$22.97	$26.33	$26.15	$25.85
" " " Chicago	23.34	22.99	26.38	22.87	25.89	26.52	25.61
" " " Ks. City	24.06	23.51	26.32	22.51	25.81	25.61	25.56
" " " Omaha	24.56	24.09	28.33	23.62	27.06	26.90	26.67
" " " S. St. Paul	22.02	21.10	25.52	21.54	25.00	24.56	24.14
" " " Sioux City	25.09	25.28	30.01	24.72	27.46	27.74	26.73
" " " Denver	25.23	23.93	29.55	23.96	27.15	26.22	26.76
" " " Ft. Worth	23.46	22.10	27.10	21.88	26.58	25.56	24.65
" " " Okla. City	22.51	22.07	24.69	21.21	26.46	25.12	24.84
" " " S. St. Joseph	23.16	23.62	26.80	21.89	26.31	25.82	25.25
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	22.83	22.34	25.90	21.42	24.65	24.79	24.43
Total calves-10 mkts.	16,157	13,167	18,088	70,802	63,572	724,170	659,286
" heifers " "	2,300	3,497	4,328	12,181	14,632	234,784	220,428
" cows " "	475	929	757	7,104	7,493	47,674	51,501

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and Mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Jan. 23, 1960	385	234.8	95	10.6	1,510	205.8	290	14.8	466.0	--
Jan. 16, 1960	400	241.6	110	12.3	1,660	228.1	320	16.0	498.0	--
Jan. 9, 1960 1/	400	--	115	--	1,740	--	339	--	--	54.3
Jan. 24, 1959 1/	328	201.5	82	9.3	1,395	190.4	303	15.4	416.6	47.7
Percentage change from:										
Jan. 16, 1960	-4	-3	-14	-14	-9	-10	-9	-8	-6	--
Jan. 24, 1959	17	17	16	14	8	8	-4	-4	12	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and Lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Jan. 23, 1960	1070	610	200	112	237	136	104	51	--
Jan. 16, 1960	1060	604	200	112	239	137	103	50	--
Jan. 9, 1960	1060	599	200	112	241	137	103	50	--
Jan. 24, 1959	1078	614	201	113	237	136	104	51	14.4

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959
Boston, New York City Area.	14,035	12,894	9,478	7,076	51,118	50,070	42,806	40,516
Baltimore, Philadelphia....	8,655	8,273	2,120	523	32,784	30,552	5,379	3,617
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.	20,509	15,138	4,205	3,318	156,511	127,672	17,284	15,815
Chicago Area.....	18,738	23,491	4,946	6,132	38,234	51,307	7,799	7,146
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	32,442	27,140	21,594	20,323	137,675	126,347	21,217	18,170
St. Louis Area.....	12,044	10,557	1,363	999	94,193	88,183	7,180	6,364
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,044	21,119	--	--	108,900	110,046	19,113	23,292
Omaha Area.....	39,774	38,731	47	142	83,047	91,551	19,920	19,491
Kansas City.....	16,632	12,087	--	--	47,386	34,402	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	33,359	30,112	8,731	7,820	339,058	345,883	38,003	37,570
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's..	7,075	6,304	2,944	2,917	65,564	53,392	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area	7,163	6,354	2,265	2,877	33,063	25,218	--	--
St.Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla. City.	21,753	18,452	1,308	1,024	56,724	45,933	11,513	12,285
Ft.Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	10,251	9,134	2,659	3,962	19,922	21,493	12,488	16,647
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	19,660	17,200	197	212	20,832	16,006	30,583	34,486
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas	27,423	17,429	1,492	1,990	32,269	26,049	28,265	27,755
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,911	6,207	182	262	19,339	17,393	4,826	4,587
Total.....	324,468	280,622	63,531	59,577	1,336,619	1,261,497	266,376	267,741
Accumulation to date* ...	990,712	877,140	224,136	223,060	4,330,412	3,758,568	862,768	845,955

*Revised.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St.Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Fort Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
						Feeders and stockers							
Jan. 22,1960	2	28	8	11	6	31	5	7	62	55	42	45	60
Jan. 15,1960	2	40	12	15	5	34	5	6	30	50	67	38	55
Jan. 23,1959	1	33	16	12	4	28	5	4	70	65	62	55	50
						Slaughter cows							
Jan. 22,1960	5	7	7	7	10	7	20	8	9	15	8	14	15
Jan. 15,1960	7	11	11	7	13	8	25	12	18	20	11	15	20
Jan. 23,1959	5	8	8	6	13	6	25	8	5	12	9	15	12

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	28.10	30.42	--	--	27.75	29.98	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	28.35	30.28	28.50	--	27.68	29.72	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.82	29.30	26.10	28.68	26.45	28.65	26.35	27.75	26.50	28.25
1100-1300	26.50	28.75	25.95	27.68	25.95	28.25	26.10	27.12	--	27.88
Good 900-1100	24.60	27.40	23.80	26.30	23.88	26.55	22.98	25.62	25.25	27.38
Standard - All wts.	22.10	25.60	20.85	23.92	20.35	24.20	19.50	23.00	22.25	25.88
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	26.48	28.62	25.50	28.20	26.40	27.90	25.70	27.75	24.25	--
Good** 600-800	--	26.92	23.18	25.98	23.68	25.52	22.58	25.75	23.25	25.88
Standard - All wts.	21.02	24.55	20.20	23.48	20.32	23.28	19.25	23.00	21.00	24.38
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.62	20.28	17.35	20.40	16.50	19.50	17.50	21.15	17.44	20.50
Utility	15.68	19.00	16.08	19.28	15.40	18.22	16.12	19.90	16.19	18.62
Cutter	14.88)	17.60	14.98)	16.95	14.12)	16.15	14.58)	17.55	13.88)	16.00
Canner	13.35)		13.15)		13.12)		13.35)		11.78)	
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	21.72	25.55	20.55	23.00	19.95	23.02	--	22.50	21.50	23.25
Utility	20.60	23.85	20.15	21.85	19.70	21.70	19.62	22.95	22.50	25.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	24.60	28.40	--	--	--	27.25	--	--
Good	--	--	23.15	26.50	--	--	--	24.50	25.75	27.25
Standard	--	--	20.20	25.00	--	--	--	21.50	22.50	25.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	30.50	--	27.50	33.50	24.90	30.00	--	29.00	32.00	34.00
Good	28.50	33.00	25.50	31.50	23.30	27.50	--	25.50	29.50	30.50
Standard	24.00	29.00	21.50	28.00	20.60	25.00	--	21.50	25.00	26.50
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	27.65	31.50	26.62	30.38	26.75	30.50	26.00	30.50	24.50	27.25
Good 500-800	25.20	27.90	24.25	27.50	24.62	27.12	24.00	28.00	23.50	25.75
Medium 500-1000	22.15	25.55	20.75	25.00	20.75	24.00	21.25	24.50	20.00	23.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.50	27.50	24.25	28.00	23.50	27.00	23.25	26.50
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	19.50	25.00	21.00	24.00	21.25	24.75	20.00	23.75
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.00	19.25	13.38	20.25	--	19.50	15.25	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.50	34.00	30.25	36.00	30.25	38.50	25.75	31.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.00	31.00	27.00	33.00	28.00	36.50	24.75	28.50

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.
** " " 700-900# " "

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	13.35	17.62	--	--	13.63	17.95	13.30	17.45	13.70	17.91	13.52	17.45	13.88	17.82	13.35	17.50
200-220	13.61	17.78	--	--	13.63	17.94	13.78	17.82	13.71	17.91	13.94	17.64	13.69	17.82	13.43	17.50
220-240	13.34	17.55	--	--	13.50	17.68	13.80	17.62	13.45	17.72	13.82	17.48	13.69	17.72	12.28	17.25
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	13.15	17.32	--	--	13.30	17.60	13.25	17.22	13.15	17.36	13.22	--	13.30	17.25	13.07	17.22
220-240	13.03	17.09	--	--	13.10	17.35	13.25	17.15	13.08	17.33	13.22	16.82	13.22	17.20	12.94	17.02
240-270	12.66	16.69	--	--	12.60	16.75	12.82	16.40	12.58	16.82	13.02	16.48	12.98	16.78	12.48	16.22
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	13.10	--	12.45	16.28	13.48	17.80	13.02	17.18	13.34	17.59	13.28	17.20	13.26	17.55	13.11	17.32
200-220	13.40	17.55	13.04	16.80	13.48	17.70	13.48	17.45	13.36	17.59	13.42	17.25	13.55	17.55	13.23	17.32
220-240	13.18	17.30	12.75	16.39	13.25	17.44	13.48	17.30	13.34	17.50	13.40	17.08	13.55	17.45	13.10	17.10
240-270	12.81	16.82	12.22	15.65	12.82	16.98	13.02	16.65	12.80	16.98	13.15	16.75	13.35	17.05	12.64	16.30
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	11.27	14.45	11.88	15.80	11.58	15.10	11.46	15.68	11.58	15.28	11.38	15.25	11.28	14.32
330-400	11.50	15.15	10.67	13.95	11.52	15.28	11.22	14.58	11.05	15.20	11.20	14.82	11.22	14.82	10.93	--
400-550	10.65	14.18	9.54	12.94	10.62	14.18	10.82	13.98	10.65	14.60	10.58	14.00	10.68	14.10	10.33	13.35

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	13.20	17.58	13.60	17.54	--	--	13.44	17.90	--	--	13.02	17.62	14.47	18.95	15.06	19.62
200-220	13.82	17.58	13.86	17.71	13.76	17.28	13.66	17.90	--	--	13.02	17.62	14.69	19.15	15.06	19.62
220-240	13.82	17.58	13.81	17.58	13.74	17.12	13.32	--	--	--	13.02	17.62	--	--	14.81	19.44
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	13.32	16.75	13.58	17.08	13.40	16.98	13.58	17.70	12.84	17.44	12.45	17.02	--	--	--	18.75
220-240	13.32	16.58	13.54	17.08	13.40	16.85	13.32	17.52	12.81	17.31	12.45	17.02	14.00	--	--	18.62
240-270	12.95	16.15	13.30	16.55	12.92	16.25	12.70	16.90	12.59	16.88	11.82	16.52	13.88	18.12	--	18.00
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	13.00	16.92	13.48	17.30	--	--	13.44	17.77	--	--	12.58	17.20	14.38	--	14.38	--
200-220	13.38	16.92	13.68	17.30	13.60	17.18	13.58	17.77	13.06	17.44	12.58	17.20	14.59	18.82	14.38	--
220-240	13.25	16.80	13.64	17.20	13.55	16.90	13.32	17.52	12.91	17.31	12.58	17.20	14.25	--	14.12	--
240-270	--	--	13.38	16.72	13.12	16.25	12.70	16.90	12.59	16.88	--	--	--	--	13.25	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	11.68	15.22	--	15.10	11.70	--	11.10	15.59	10.81	14.50	9.08	14.70	--	--	12.50	16.50
330-400	11.28	14.70	11.78	14.70	11.42	14.30	10.58	15.16	10.50	13.88	8.70	14.08	--	--	11.75	15.50
400-550	10.75	13.70	11.35	13.88	10.95	13.40	10.00	14.55	9.50	13.25	7.95	13.20	--	--	10.75	13.50
Feeder pigs - All wts. Good and Choice	11.20	15.48	--	16.28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	8-mkts. combined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Jan.23,1960	12.89	13.09	13.19	13.19	13.19	13.22	13.14	13.27	13.14
	Jan.16,1960	12.37	12.60	12.70	12.47	12.36	12.69	12.35	12.72	12.49
	Jan.24,1959	16.89	17.20	17.03	16.57	16.46	16.82	16.49	17.39	16.79
Sows	Jan.23,1960	10.79	10.96	10.77	10.87	11.29	10.76	10.73	10.64	10.86
	Jan.16,1960	9.79	10.24	9.96	10.29	10.40	10.20	9.84	9.69	10.08
	Jan.24,1959	14.21	14.16	14.16	14.04	13.85	14.24	13.94	14.62	14.10
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Jan.23,1960	236	220	231	241	245	226	233	227	232
	Jan.16,1960	238	226	233	241	244	229	230	231	234
	Jan.24,1959	239	224	231	249	248	233	239	223	237
Sows	Jan.23,1960	450	403	426	441	447	417	422	439	431
	Jan.16,1960	445	403	438	441	443	428	410	437	428
	Jan.24,1959	444	432	455	445	449	419	432	452	441
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Jan.23,1960	40462	68212	16466	45411	42248	30687	47529	37056	328071
	Jan.16,1960	35550	68856	16189	52070	56701	23546	70740	36968	360620
	Jan.24,1959	38908	53963	11907	49132	54777	23603	53429	34694	320413
Sows	Jan.23,1960	4256	4656	941	3739	3019	2221	3196	3371	25399
	Jan.16,1960	3584	5709	979	5217	3940	1921	4614	2923	28887
	Jan.24,1959	3025	3035	653	4138	3574	1165	3476	1887	20953
SOWS				Percentage of total						
	Jan.23,1960	10	6	5	8	7	7	6	8	7
	Jan.16,1960	9	8	6	9	6	8	6	7	7
	Jan.24,1959	7	5	5	8	6	5	6	5	6

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Jan. 23, 1960	$15.60	$13.40	$2.20
Jan. 16, 1960	15.54	13.00	2.54
Jan. 24, 1959	19.21	17.55	1.66

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Jan. 23, 1960	12.89	116.0	11.1
Jan. 16, 1960	12.37	113.6	10.9
Jan. 24, 1959	16.89	117.5	14.4

1/ Simple average price.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Trading on fresh meats was moderately active at most large East Coast consuming centers with dullness prevailing at some points at the close. This contrasted sharply with the very active trading during the two previous weeks and was directly attributed to slower movement of meats at consumer levels, and the fact that retail inventories were large. Supplies were normal for the most part, with volume of beef rather liberal at some markets. Veal and calf supplies were below normal at Baltimore, but fully normal at New York, influencing sharp price declines there. Pork receipts at New York were moderate. All interests participated in the week's trade, however, a cut-back in purchases was obvious, along with widespread preference for steer carcasses under 750#. Clearance was poor at New York and Washington, but fairly complete at other markets. Steer hinds and ribs out of carcasses 800# and up, and lamb above 60# posed the greatest problem at New York, with carryover of lamb quite sizable, and several lots of beef cuts failed to clear.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef prices were steady to $1.00 higher at Baltimore and Philadelphia, and steady to weak at other markets; cow beef $1.50 lower at Philadelphia, otherwise steady. Veal sold fully steady to $1.00 higher at Baltimore and Philadelphia, steady to weak at Washington, however, declines of $2.00-3.00 were recorded on both veal and calf at New York. Sales of lamb at Baltimore and Philadelphia were steady to $1.00 up, but the trend at other markets was steady to $1.00 lower, the decline mainly affecting carcasses 55# and up. Pork loins closed mostly steady as late declines erased early advances of 50¢-$2.00 at New York, Baltimore, and Washington. Spareribs sold steady to $3.00 higher, except steady to $1.00 lower at New York. Other fresh pork cuts were steady to $1.00 lower at Washington and Philadelphia, but steady to $3.00 higher at Baltimore, and prices for skinned hams and Boston butts $1.00 higher at New York.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef, lamb and fresh pork supplies were moderate for the week. Lamb supply included increased showing of carcasses 35-50#. Veal supplies were small with Choice and Prime carcasses scarce. Trading was moderately active on steer and heifer beef with prices steady to $1.00 higher, however, the early advance on Choice carcasses 700-900# was erased Wednesday and Thursday. Trade was moderately active on beef chucks and rounds through the week at steady prices, but trade was slow on loins and ribs over 30#. Ribs under 30# were in comparatively small supply and were quickly absorbed with all interests aggressive. Trade was slow on veal, however below normal supplies influenced higher prices following substantial upturns the past few weeks. Closing trade was slow on lamb carcasses. Pork loins met a good demand early but closed slow under a poor demand and early upturns were erased. Spareribs moved well but butts were slow throughout. Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to $1.00 higher, veal fully $1.00 higher, lamb steady to $1.00 lower, pork loins 8-16# 50¢-$1.00 lower, Boston butts 4-8# $1.00-1.50 lower, spareribs 3# down steady to 50¢ higher.

PACIFIC COAST - Trade was moderately active on steer beef with supplies moderate but adequate. Choice carcasses under 600# were rather limited while Standard and low-Good offerings showed a slight accumulation at Los Angeles. The moderate supplies of calf, veal and lamb were adequate for the fair demand. Fresh pork supplies were slightly liberal, with some accumulation at Los Angeles. The supply of smoked meats more than adequate except bacon. Prices compared to the previous week: Steer beef mostly steady, cow beef steady to $1.00 lower, calf and veal mostly steady; lamb steady to $1.00 higher; fresh pork cuts steady to $1.00 higher except for loins as much as $3.00 higher, while New York shoulders sold steady to $1.00 lower the decline mostly at Los Angeles; smoked skinned hams about steady, bacon steady to $2.00 higher with the advance at Los Angeles, lard mostly steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Trading on steer and heifer beef was moderately active early but closed slow at most points with part of the early advance erased. Supplies of beef were slightly increased and this along with the narrow consumer demand late in the week brought about an incomplete clearance. Trading was slow on lamb carcasses and generally lower price trends prevailed even though supplies were slightly reduced at several points. Compared with the previous week's close: Steer carcasses sold steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago with the most advance on Good carcasses with the early advance on Choice erased. Late sales at Omaha on steer beef were steady to 50¢ higher and at New York and Denver steer carcasses 500-800# closed 50¢-$1.00 higher with carcasses 800-900# steady to 50¢ lower with the full decline late at New York. Heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher throughout while lamb closed steady to $1.00 lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS

Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds.

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 24 1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	48.00	48.55	--	48.12	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.75	48.20	45.00	47.40	44.00	47.75	43.75	47.25
	700-800	44.25	46.70	43.50	45.38	42.50	46.25	42.00	44.75
Good	400-500	--	--	42.75	44.50	44.50	48.50	--	--
	500-600	43.75	45.35	42.25	44.50	43.50	47.50	42.50	46.50
	600-700	44.25	45.75	42.25	44.50	41.50	46.00	40.50	44.50
Standard	500-600	--	--	39.00	42.75	41.00	45.00	40.00	45.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.50	--	43.50	--	43.75	--
	600-700	--	--	44.00	--	42.50	--	41.56	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.75	--	--	--	41.00	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	65.10	63.50	58.50	60.25	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	53.50	54.50	53.50	55.25	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.50	52.00	49.00	52.75	55.00	59.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	43.50	43.00	--	41.50	--	41.50	41.00	42.00
Choice	45-55	41.50	42.60	40.50	40.12	41.50	40.50	41.00	42.00
Good	35-65	39.50	40.80	38.68	35.75	40.00	41.00	39.00	40.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	40.55	49.00	38.00	46.70	43.50	50.00	41.12	48.12
	12-16	38.10	47.50	37.00	44.45	40.00	49.00	41.12	47.12
Butts	4-8	32.80	38.50	28.25	34.56	36.00	41.00	35.50	40.75
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	39.50	51.50	46.50	54.25	50.00	56.00	45.50	52.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		33.00	46.50	42.62	53.38	39.00	52.00	44.12	54.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.50	33.00	34.50	36.00	30.00	34.00	30.50	37.12
Lard, 1# carton		12.50	14.50	12.00	13.38	15.50	18.50	13.75	15.31

Note: Prices at New York exclude locally dressed fresh meats. Variation in prices in some cured pork cuts between Chicago and New York due in part to differences in processing and packaging.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED JAN. 22, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	43.50-44.00	42.00-43.00	42.75-43.25	45.50-46.50	45.00-46.00
	700-800	42.00-43.00	41.50-42.00	41.25-41.75	44.00-45.00	43.50-44.50
	800-900	40.50-41.50	39.00-40.00	39.75	41.50-43.50	41.50-42.50
Good	500-600	40.50-41.50	--	--	43.50-44.00	--
	600-700	40.50-41.50	39.00-41.50	39.75-40.50	43.50-44.00	41.50-42.50
	700-800	40.00-41.00	39.00-41.00	39.00-39.25	40.00-43.25	40.50-41.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	43.00-43.50	--	42.00-42.50	--	--
	600-700	42.50-43.00	--	41.50	--	43.00-43.50
Good	500-600	39.50-40.00	--	39.00-39.50	--	--
	600-700	39.50-40.00	38.50-39.50	38.50-39.00	--	--
Lamb -						
Choice	35-45#	40.00	--	37.75-38.75	42.00-44.00	42.00-42.50
	45-55	37.00-38.50	35.50	36.25-37.25	39.00-40.50	38.00-40.00
	55-65	35.00-36.00	--	34.75-35.75	37.00-39.50	37.00-37.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market was slow. Woolen and worsted type pulled wools comprised the bulk of sales with a fair amount of pulled combing wools selling at firm prices. Prices at Australian markets were very firm with Japan and the Continent the principal buyers. At New Zealand markets prices were up one pence with good general competition. The Cape prices continued strong. Carpet wool prices were steady. Prices remained firm in all the primary markets.

Fleece Wools - Medium lambs wool continued to find good demand and prices ranged from 86-90¢ clean. Several cars of mixed 3/8s and 1/4 blood fleece wools for April-May delivery sold for $1.10 clean basis.

Territory Wools - In Idaho 100,000 fleeces of 3/8s and 1/4 blood ewes wool were contracted in the spread of 46-51½¢ grease basis for late February and early March shearing and in Northern Wyoming several cars of mixed grade and staple lambs wool sold at 36-45¢ grease per pound. A car of tags sold for 12½¢. The Idaho wools bulk 3/8s and 1/4 blood brought 47-49½¢.

Texas Wools - No sales were confirmed in Texas on either wool or mohair.

Foreign Wools - Quotes follow. Combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

Australia Oil-combed	New Zealand Oil-combed
78 - $1.18	86 - $1.04
78A - 1.15	93 - .95
79 - 1.12	834 - .94
422 - 1.12	100 - .93
423 - 1.09	107 - .92
424 - 1.03	114 - .92
	128 - .91

South Africa

Oil-combed	Scoured yields
47 - $1.15	22 - $1.10
48 - 1.13	23 - 1.07
52 - 1.13	27 - 1.07
53 - 1.11	28 - 1.05

Montevideo Super Skirted (Clean basis)

60/64s	- $1.10	58/56s	- $.98
60s	- 1.05	56/50s	- .97
60/58s	- 1.01		

Carpet Wools - Offerings for shipment, clean fibers present follow: New Zealand: Carpet fleece 90¢, carpet fleece B style 87¢, carpet crutchings 80-81¢. Buenos Aires: Supers 88½¢, Nov. second clip 86-88¢, March second clip 84-86¢.

Woolen Wools: Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

58/60s	1-2"	white	$1.13
58s	2-3"	stained	1.09

Domestic Pulled Combing

58s	3" and up	white	$1.23
58s	3" and up	off white	1.17
50/52s	3" and up		1.10

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

58s	2½-3½"	ch. white	$1.28
58s	2½-3"	defective	1.09
56s	3-4"	ch. white	1.26

Noils

Aust. 64s nobles clear 97-99¢
Aust. 64s nobles semi-clear 96¢

Scoured Shorn Domestic

56/58s lambs 95¢

Wool Tops - The market was quiet. Good demand for 1/4 blood tops continued but topmakers were sold out. Quotes follow:

Warp	Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s	$1.99	$1.96
64s	1.93	1.90
62s	1.87	1.82
60s	1.82	1.73
58/60s	1.78	1.67

	Oil-combed	Territory	Fleece
58/60s	$1.76	$1.65	--
56s	--	1.58	$1.53
50/56s	--	1.53	1.51
48/50s	--	--	1.38

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Jan. 21, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops - $1.588
March wool - 1.261
May wool tops - 1.608
May wool - 1.267

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
DECEMBER 1959 - WITH COMPARISONS (Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
N. Atlantic States.....	126	125	101	87	553	521	213	190
S. Atlantic States.....	34	33	21	27	329	248	1/	1/
N.C. States - Eastern....	275	292	176	191	1,560	1,361	135	122
N.C. States - N.Western..	531	483	68	78	2,912	2,442	368	366
N.C. States - S.Western..	164	130	11	11	726	529	79	68
S. Central States.....	127	118	51	53	520	418	74	41
Mountain States.....	108	96	2	2	124	92	141	124
Pacific States.....	188	161	25	25	245	203	171	151
Total.....	1,552	1,437	456	474	6,968	5,814	1,182	1,061

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection (number of head): December 1959 - Horses 8,640; Goats 3,134; December 1958, horses 10,123; Goats 11,752. 1/ Not available for publication. Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
CALENDAR YEAR 1959 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
N. Atlantic States.....	1,349	1,424	1,105	1,040	5,828	5,767	2,150	2,152
S. Atlantic States.....	413	473	343	449	3,390	2,992	1/	1/
N.C. States - Eastern....	3,218	3,599	1,664	1,961	15,992	14,482	1,285	1,264
N.C. States - N.Western..	5,744	5,512	631	812	27,519	23,095	4,006	3,679
N.C. States - S.Western..	1,734	1,575	170	163	6,832	5,320	941	741
S. Central States.....	1,599	1,837	650	869	5,404	4,577	1,254	1,111
Mountain States.....	1,231	1,166	27	35	1,159	1,023	1,709	1,577
Pacific States.....	2,169	2,056	283	344	2,582	2,206	2,117	1,871
Total.....	17,459	17,642	4,875	5,672	68,707	59,462	13,466	12,397

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): Year 1959 - Horses 73,323; Goats 73,808; Year 1958, Horses 107,406; Goats 242,650. 1/ Data not available for publication. Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

TOTAL MEATS, MEAT PRODUCTS, AND BYPRODUCTS GRADED, OR CERTIFIED AS
COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Month	Beef	Veal and calf	Lamb, yearling, and mutton	Total	All other meats and lard	Grand total
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
December 1959.....	599,566	12,673	21,796	634,035	12,512	646,547
November 1959.....	534,899	15,113	20,425	570,437	13,285	583,722
December 1958.....	522,328	11,777	23,474	557,579	12,780	570,359
Year 1959.....	6,737,275	171,070	257,390	7,165,735	144,252	7,309,987
Year 1958.....	6,456,189	178,980	242,099	6,877,268	141,282	7,018,550

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended - Dec. 5 1959	Dec. 12 1959	Dec. 19 1959	Dec. 26 1959	Jan. 2 1960
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -					
Beef 1/	3,227	3,561	3,095	2,005	3,169
Pork 1/	80,071	88,312	71,307	57,485	56,686
Other 1/	87	38	41	130	35
Smoked and / or dried -					
Beef 1/	1,206	896	1,134	531	1,148
Pork 1/	56,769	67,895	57,949	43,923	40,300
Cooked meat -					
Beef.	1,730	1,729	1,571	1,238	1,423
Pork.	6,617	7,804	7,586	5,069	5,611
Other	40	22	38	24	23
Sausage -					
Fresh finished.	6,149	6,731	6,018	4,652	4,491
To be dried or semi-dried	2,847	2,638	2,472	2,198	2,256
Franks, wieners	11,336	12,134	11,018	8,847	10,654
Other, smoked or cooked .	12,089	12,964	11,636	9,412	10,572
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	3,612	3,868	3,751	3,081	3,076
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	11,640	12,154	10,935	8,480	9,617
Meat extract.	105	39	96	116	109
Sliced bacon 1/	22,153	23,770	19,719	15,856	17,983
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	4,759	6,024	5,418	4,442	4,579
Hamburger	5,613	5,996	6,087	4,637	4,596
Miscellaneous meat product.	3,682	3,931	3,784	2,562	2,335
Lard, rendered	54,486	58,193	44,691	44,119	40,991
Lard, refined	34,052	42,931	33,588	26,121	36,825
Oleo stock	1,888	1,742	1,846	856	1,840
Edible tallow	6,046	6,355	5,721	4,647	5,328
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered	2,150	2,293	1,799	1,790	1,668
Refined	1,093	1,211	1,030	1,511	954
Compound containing animal fat	15,903	15,218	14,355	11,070	10,595
Oleomargarine " " "	2,782	2,988	3,078	2,653	2,028
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	49,735	52,326	49,635	35,205	37,631
Total 1/	401,867	443,761	379,398	302,658	316,521

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distict processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

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MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended - 1959									
	Dec. 5		Dec. 12		Dec. 19		Dec. 26		Jan. 2, 1960	
	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	3,889	3,631	4,078	3,880	2,932	3,285	3,396	3,301	2,677	2,782
Canned hams	6,585	162	6,429	197	4,049	158	4,732	260	4,646	227
Corned beef hash	100	1,429	186	1,415	94	1,471	20	1,216	82	1,170
Chili con carne	240	3,608	224	2,673	282	2,541	76	1,306	166	2,177
Viennas	53	1,230	25	1,155	29	1,141	16	777	86	817
Franks, wieners in brine	--	200	5	102	--	106	--	1	--	25
Deviled ham	17	216	19	219	18	172	8	116	12	128
Other potted or deviled meat food products	--	553	--	497	--	663	--	332	4	544
Tamales	79	620	44	723	21	456	57	461	52	456
Sliced dried beef	11	66	8	49	2	60	12	86	1	116
Chopped beef	--	66	--	71	--	82	--	54	--	123
Meat stew (all products)	68	2,108	103	3,192	35	2,896	13	1,738	6	946
Spaghetti meat products	51	2,488	32	3,117	47	1,984	26	579	17	1,551
Tongue (other than pickled)	3	18	18	23	3	25	19	19	9	25
Vinegar pickled products	327	256	270	227	192	227	174	206	179	192
Bulk sausage	--	156	--	222	--	97	--	204	--	73
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	136	1,140	147	2,311	113	2,341	78	1,074	103	1,916
Soups	213	10,704	163	9,201	316	14,273	165	7,994	196	10,284
Sausage in oil	126	70	112	119	99	134	102	90	133	70
Tripe	--	79	--	67	--	113	--	43	--	61
Brains	--	68	--	46	--	37	--	13	--	19
Canned loins and picnics	676	20	681	1	598	5	623	2	655	--
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -										
20% or more	64	1,494	163	1,564	100	1,233	55	720	67	1,089
Less than 20%	234	3,553	198	4,843	154	5,509	168	1,809	65	2,943
Total	12,872	33,935	12,903	35,914	9,082	39,010	9,740	22,401	9,157	27,734

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 76.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)
DECEMBER 1959

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal: Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Cured meats: Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina.....	--	--	--	440,725	--
Australia.....	24,632,216	4,061,756	5,185	--	--
Brazil.....	--	--	--	127,117	--
Canada.....	1,667,842	14,770	2,800,717	15,714	636,315
Denmark.....	--	--	--	--	1,999
Germany.....	--	--	--	--	85,341
Holland.....	--	--	--	--	13,568
Ireland.....	5,263,725	--	--	--	16,784
Mexico.....	3,007,274	--	--	--	--
New Zealand.....	11,651,721	1,323,063	5,046	--	--
Paraguay.....	--	--	--	26,575	--
Poland.....	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay.....	--	--	--	--	--
All others.....	2,943,657	--	7,914	45,057	10,653
Total - Dec. 1959	49,166,435	5,399,589	2,818,862	655,188	764,660
Dec. 1958	38,844,900	1,376,054	6,586,227	13,204,608	1,221,706
Refused or condemned:					
Dec. 1959	21,210	88,614	41	1	53
Dec. 1958	95,375	44,743	3,518	171,123	4,379

Country of origin	Canned meats: Beef	Pork	Misc'l.	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscellaneous	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina.....	5,442,231	14,392	--	--	576,184	6,473,532
Australia.....	71,640	--	--	--	5,376	28,776,173
Brazil.....	905,117	--	--	--	198	1,032,432
Canada.....	21,461	482,213	6,767	5,524	292,359	5,943,682
Denmark.....	--	3,689,799	325,974	249,434	840	4,268,046
Germany.....	--	223,744	676	45,575	--	355,336
Holland.....	--	3,053,056	57,769	3,867	--	3,128,260
Ireland.....	--	--	--	--	--	5,280,509
Mexico.....	--	--	--	--	--	3,007,274
New Zealand.....	--	--	--	--	--	12,979,830
Paraguay.....	452,451	--	--	--	--	479,026
Poland.....	--	2,296,875	251,577	--	1,984	2,550,436
Uruguay.....	945,535	18,000	--	--	--	963,535
All others.....	--	25,322	169,088	154,553	14,417	3,370,661
Total - Dec. 1959 ...	7,838,435	9,803,401	811,851	458,953	891,358	78,608,732
Dec. 1958 ...	7,048,977	10,953,203	1,068,300	160,428	786,835	81,251,238
Refused or condemned:						
Dec. 1959 ...	126,817	24,870	27,099	3,263	--	291,968
Dec. 1958 ...	15,272	42,976	32,528	--	47	409,961

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	December		January - December		Percentage Dec. 1959 of	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	Dec. 1958	5-yr. Dec. av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle.....	1,552	1,437	17,459	17,642	108	100
Calves.....	456	474	4,875	5,672	96	78
Hogs.....	6,968	5,814	68,707	59,462	120	114
Sheep & lambs...	1,182	1,061	13,466	12,397	111	109
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle.....	1,051.6	1,068.0	1,044.7	1,018.4	98	104
Calves.....	196.5	190.5	207.7	210.3	103	97
Hogs.....	240.3	242.3	239.5	238.0	99	100
Sheep & lambs...	100.7	100.5	99.0	98.6	100	102
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle.....	21.61	23.83	23.91	23.11	91	118
Calves.....	22.02	25.24	25.79	24.10	87	127
Hogs.....	11.61	17.61	14.27	19.96	66	74
Sheep & lambs...	16.92	18.49	18.74	20.84	92	92
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle.....	57.5	56.8	57.5	56.4	--	--
Calves.....	57.0	57.2	57.1	56.2	--	--
Hogs 1/.....	76.5	76.5	76.6	76.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	48.7	48.9	48.6	48.7	--	--
Lard per 100#...	14.2	14.3	14.1	14.0	--	--
Lard per animal.	34.2	34.7	33.7	33.4	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle.....	604.7	606.6	601.1	574.8	--	--
Steers 2/.....	671.4	--	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/.....	562.7	--	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/.....	507.0	--	--	--	--	--
Calves.....	112.0	109.0	118.6	118.1	--	--
Hogs.....	183.8	185.4	183.5	182.4	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	49.0	49.1	48.1	48.0	--	--
Condemnations: 3/(number of head)						
Cattle.....	5,484	5,390	53,537	61,610	--	--
Calves.....	2,886	3,272	21,629	27,426	--	--
Hogs.....	10,048	9,565	103,806	105,291	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	7,452	3,814	63,269	61,500	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef.....	935,265	868,373	10,461,565	10,105,959	108	108
Veal.....	50,733	51,338	575,483	666,792	99	78
Pork(carcass wt.)	1,278,887	1,076,211	12,590,267	10,823,904	119	115
Lamb & mutton...	57,552	51,927	644,820	591,714	111	112
Total 4/.....	2,322,436	2,047,849	24,272,136	22,188,368	113	111
Pork, excl.lard	954,721	800,301	9,432,418	8,110,465	119	116
Lard production 5/	238,203	201,269	2,308,840	1,982,063	118	111
Rendered pork fat	9,151	8,543	94,124	89,340	107	95

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle. 3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Choice	Jan. 23, 1960	20.35	19.58	19.78	17.75	19.88	18.75	19.47
	Jan. 24, 1959	19.85	19.20	18.55	17.05	19.12	18.82	19.25*
Good	Jan. 23, 1960	19.28	18.85	18.85	17.62	19.38	18.00	18.69
	Jan. 24, 1959	18.95	18.32	17.40	16.55	18.25	17.95	18.50*
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Jan. 23, 1960	7.10	5.50	5.80	--	5.75	4.88	5.75
	Jan. 24, 1959	6.75	7.75	6.75	--	8.10	7.00	8.25
Cull and Utility	Jan. 23, 1960	6.28	4.12	4.65	6.88*	4.25	3.25	4.25
	Jan. 24, 1959	6.50	6.25	5.00	--	6.15	4.75	5.50
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts. -								
Good and Choice	Jan. 23, 1960	--	17.85	--	16.72	18.88	--	16.62
	Jan. 24, 1959	--	19.75	--	16.90	19.25	--	17.25

*Shorn basis.

Sow Slaughter in November

An error has been discovered in the percentage of sows and barrows and gilts slaughtered under Federal Inspection in November 1959. Corrected data will be shown in next week's issue.